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For: SINGLE-PHASE AMPLIFICATION OF  
NUCLEIC ACIDS

REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed 29 March 2001 (Paper No. 10), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following proposed amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly enter the following proposed amendments to the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the amplification of nucleic acids, said method comprising:  
synthesizing double-stranded DNA from a single-stranded DNA population; and  
producing multiple copies of RNA from said double-stranded DNA,  
wherein said amplification occurs in a single reaction vessel comprising a four enzyme mix,  
and wherein said amplification is proportional.

Please refer to the attachment for the marked up version of the amended claim,  
pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c).

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